Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC)
Summary of Minutes - Regular Public Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2010

DRAFT DATED April 22, 2010 – Not Yet Approved by the Commission

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- Chad Kirkpatrick, State CIO & Director, Government Information Technology Agency (Chairman)
- Joe Anderson, Assistant Chief, Bullhead City Fire Department
- Michael Brashier, Communications Manager, City of Casa Grande *(Arrived 1:04 PM)*
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- Tracy Montgomery, Assistant Chief, Phoenix Police Department
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Comments from the Public
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